

## San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 55658

*Description:* ff. i + 99 + i - Bound in England, s. XXmed, in cream-colored vellum, the flat spine lettered in gilt "ST. / BONAVENTURA / -- / MEDITATIONES / VITAE / DOMINI / [space] / MANUSCRIPT / ON / VELLUM / XIV CENTURY," the edges of the leaves gilt; the binding was described as "morocco" when sold in 1891, "russia" in 1893, "modern russia" in 1913, "panelled brown morocco" in 1945, "russia" in 1947, but "vellum gilt" in 1959, so the present binding was executed between 1947 and 1959, perhaps for Dawson's (see Provenance); a pencil note, s. XIX, "In velvet / oak B[oar]ds" (f. 2, top left margin) may describe the pre-1891 binding; ff. 1 and 99v are considerably dirtier than the intervening pages, suggesting that the volume may have lacked covers for a significant period of time. - Sir Edward Hoby (1560-1617), politician and diplomat (on whom see the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography), signed "Edw Hoby" and inscribed with the motto "Fato quam voto," which also appears with his signature in London, British Library, Additional MS 4899 (the same signature appears in Additional MSS 4897 and 8151, but in both of these the motto is "Aurea libertas"). After his death the manuscript presumably passed to his illegitimate son and heir, Peregrine (1602-1679), politician (on whom see ODNB), and thence to his second son and heir, Sir John Hoby (1635-1702); recorded in Bernard, *Catalogi Librorum Manuscriptorum Angliae et Hiberniae* (1697), II, no. 3793.2: "Anonymi cujusdam Meditationes, ut videtur, in Vitam Christi; caret Titulo." Edward Hailstone (1818-90), of Walton Hall, Wakefield, Yorkshire, solicitor, churchwarden and book collector (on whom see ODNB); "the leather ex-libris of Edw. Hailstone" was present when sold in 1913, and until the volume was rebound; his sale at Sotheby's, 23 April 1891, and 7 following days, lot 679, bought by Quaritch; Quaritch catalogue 138 (December 1893), no. 111. George Dunn (1865-1912), of Woolley Hall, near Maidenhead (on whom see S. de Ricci, *English Collectors of Books and Manuscripts* (Cambridge, 1930), 182-83, and *The Times*, 11 March 1912, p. 11); his sale at Sotheby's, 11 February, 1913, and three following days, lot 576; bought by Ellis. Sir Robert Leicester Harmsworth (1870-1937), M.P. and publisher; his sale at Sotheby's, 15 October 1945, lot 1939; bought by Davis & Orioli; their catalogue no. 129 [1947], no. 1. Dawson's of Pall Mall, London, Catalogue 102 [1959], no. 10. Anonymous vendor: sold at Sotheby's, 18 June 1962, lot 139; bought by "Marchet." Sold at Sotheby's, 6 December 1983, lot 61; bought by Hanna. Ralph Hanna III, palaeographer and professor of UC Riverside and Oxford University. Acquired from him by the Huntington in 1993. - Peter Kidd, "Supplement to the Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library," *Huntington Library Quarterly*, vol. 72, no. 4 (December 2009) pp. 1-101.

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### Part 1: ff. 1-99v

*Description:* - Parchment - 185 x 264 mm - Two columns each of 38 lines; ruled in faint plummet, each column bounded by single lines extending the full height and width of the page. Gatherings of 8 leaves except for quires 6, 7, 11, 13 that have 6 leaves, and quire 14 that has 4.

*Country:* England

*Cardinal point:*

*Region:*

*City:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XV<sup>in</sup>

*Searchable Date Range:* 1400 - 1415

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Inscribed Date:*

*Document:* No

*Number of Scribes:*

*Scribe(s):* Braybrook

*Script:* Anglicana

*Other Decoration:*

*Notes:* The scribe's name, "Braybrook" (f. 98v), has been associated, without strong evidence, with Robert de Braybrook (d. 1404), dean of Salisbury and bishop of London; for biographical information on Robert and his relatives see Douglas Richardson, *Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study in Medieval and Colonial Families* (Baltimore, 2004), 146-148. The second scribe in this manuscript copied the excerpts on f. 99r-v. Latin

*Number of Texts:* 2

### Text 1: ff. 1-98v

*Author:* Pseudo Bonaventure

*Title:* Meditationes Vitae Christi

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Inter alia virtutum et laudum preconia de sanctissima virgine cecilia legitur

*Explicit:* de quo loquimur dominus noster iesus christus qui est super omnia deus benedictus et laudabilis in secula. Amen.



f. 1 Simple pen flourishing; ownership signature of "Edw. Hoby"; motto, "Fato quam voto."

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ff. 60v-61 Catchword surrounded by decorative strokes.

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f. 66 Initials.

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**Text 2:** f. 99r-v

**Author:** Isidore of Seville

**Title:** Synonyma

**Title:** [E]x synonymis beati ysidori hispalensis episcopi.

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Transeunt omnia seculi huius nec permanent omne quod venit stare stare non potest nichil est diu nichil tam longum

*Explicit:* ex anima te loquatur cor tuum. Considera meritum tuum. Iuste flagellaris iusto dei iudicio iudicaris.

*Notes:* Excerpts from Isidore of Seville, *Synonyma*, beginning with a quotation from Bk. I:26; PL 83:833B. The selection ends with two rhyming lines: "Non est hoc verum si verax dicere vellem. / Te de pacifico facerem michi forte rebellem."



ff. 98v-99 End of Pseudo Bonaventure; scribal signature, "Quod Braybrook"; beginning of excerpt from Isidore by the second scribe.

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